

## Jumblatt attacks disengagement plan

BEIRUT — Lebanese opposition leader Walid Jumblatt called Lebanon's stalled military disengagement plan a waste of time yesterday, and said it is impossible to reach an agreement with the present government.

Apparently confirming the failure of the government's last-minute efforts to forge a peace agreement, he said: "The security plan is a waste of time, and a solution with the Phalangists is impossible."

Jumblatt, who on Tuesday night accused the government of massing troops for an offensive against opposition militias, made the statement in a broadcast inaugurating his Syria-backed Progressive Socialist Party (PSP). "Voice of the Mountain" radio station.

Attacking Lebanese President Amin Jemayel and his links with the right-wing Christian Phalangist party, founded by Jemayel's father, Jumblatt said Lebanon could be saved only by serious political, economic and social change and close relations with Syria.

"There can be no salvation for Lebanon at the hands of a family, party or regime that had people slaughtered because of their (religious) identity... and made the army a tool for its aims, projects and exclusive ambitions after its gangs were defeated in the mountains," he said.

Jumblatt's statement came amid renewed clashes in Beirut and the nearby mountains in which two

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## No plan to attack Saudis, Shamir tells the Knesset

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said yesterday that the government has no intention of launching a preventive war against Saudi Arabia.

He was replying to an oral parliamentary question by Mordechai Gur (Alignment), based on the recent statement by Matityahu Shmuelovitz to a reporter that the supply of arms to Saudi Arabia by West Germany might result in a "preventive strike" by Israel.

Shamir said that Shmuelovitz, the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, had expressed his personal opinion that the massive injection of arms to Saudi Arabia and other Arab states "could create a dangerous situation."

Michael Bar-Zohar (Alignment), in a supplementary question, said that Shamir's reply was inaccurate. Shmuelovitz had indeed said that Israel might make a preventive

strike and had given the Iraqi atomic reactor as an example.

Does the prime minister not think that in such interviews on political subjects, his director-general and other aides should get his approval in advance? Bar-Zohar asked.

The prime minister agreed.

In reply to a question by Akiva Nof (Likud-Herut), Shamir said the government knows of no promise given to the Jordanian government by U.S. President Ronald Reagan to the effect that the U.S. would work for the freezing of Israeli settlements in the territories.

Nof based his question on a statement by the Jordanian minister of information on January 16, reported in *Ha'aretz* the next day.

Aharon Harel (Alignment) asked whether, if Jordan agreed to enter into peace talks, Israel would agree temporarily to a settlement freeze to achieve a peace agreement.

Shamir replied: "We will accept no pre-condition for opening negotiations with Jordan."

## January shows 36% drop in printing of new currency

By AVI TEMKIN  
Post Economic Reporter

Banknotes totalling some IS 20 billion were printed last month, 36 per cent less in real terms than in December, the Treasury announced yesterday.

The ministry did not mention, however, that due to the ongoing labour dispute in the Defence Ministry, some IS8b. were not transferred to local suppliers. Ministry officials later conceded that this was partly responsible for the low figure.

The Bank of Israel announced that the level of foreign currency reserves went up sharply during January, by some \$195m, to stand at over \$3b. at the end of the month. Bank officials conceded that most of the increase reflected the transfer of American aid to Israel. This explains a large part of the increase in the reserves during the last two months.

The Treasury yesterday said that the level of monetary injections is a sign of diminished government ac-

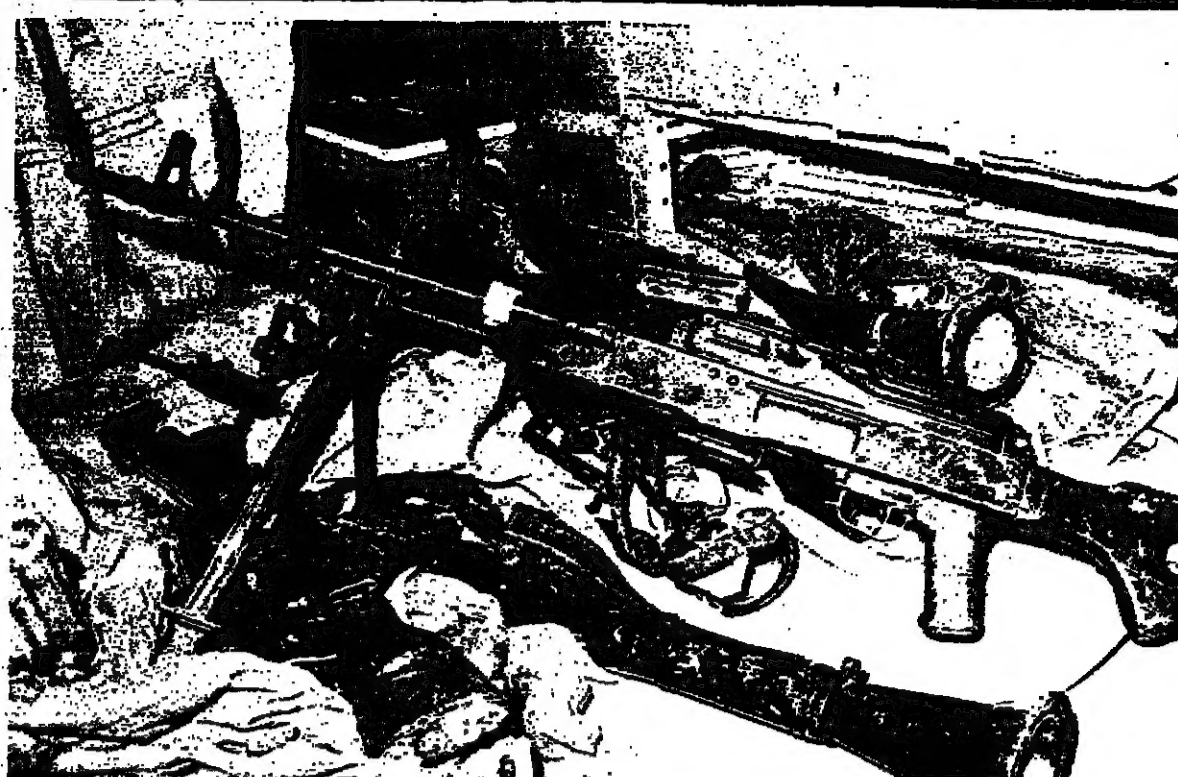
tivity, which began to be felt during the last quarter of 1983.

The ministry noted that during the three last months of the year operations in the public sector also registered an 8 per cent drop compared to the first quarter of 1983.

Ministry officials who conceded the influence of the Defence Ministry's labour dispute on the banknote impression in January, insisted nonetheless that even if the delayed payments to suppliers are taken into account the total of money printed is still lower than in the previous month. Furthermore, they added, the drop in government activity was real, and not the result of any artificial factor.

The officials added that during last month, about half the money printed went to supporting linked bonds in the stock exchange, while the other IS10b. represented payment for government operations.

The Treasury announced that January was the first month since October in which the government did not purchase bank shares.



Some of the equipment found in the South Lebanon village of Halousiya. (IDF)

## Said responsible for six IDF deaths

## Terror suspects seized near Tyre

Jerusalem Post Staff

METULLA — The security forces recently captured a gang which was active in southern Lebanon during the past six months northeast of Tyre.

The gang is said to be responsible for at least 14 attacks, in which six IDF soldiers were killed and others wounded.

The capture of the gang members came after an attack by the gang on January 21 on an IDF post near the village of Ma'aroub, 13 kilometres northeast of Tyre. In the attack, the gang fired automatic fire and RPGs. In the initial IDF search operation which followed, tracks were discovered leading northwards. An IDF unit followed the tracks for 2.5 kilometres.

reaching the village of Halousiya. The troops burst into the house and found five people.

Taken by surprise, the suspects offered no resistance. Among them was the village's religious leader.

In the courtyard of the house, caches of arms, ammunition and explosives were discovered.

The security force's subsequent investigation in the village led to further arrests, and more arms were discovered in Halousiya and in nearby villages.

Local villages organized opposition to the arrests, and a number of the suspects temporarily holed up in the village's mosque. The locals threw stones at the soldiers and burnt tires. The soldiers tried to avoid employing force against the villagers.

All told, 15 villagers were arrested.

Among the 14 attacks attributed to the gang, were:

June 10, 1983 — three IDF soldiers were killed in an ambush near Deir Kanoun an-Nuhar.

September 15, 1983 — an IDF soldier was killed and seven were wounded in an ambush near Ma'aroub.

October 25, 1983 — the gang fired from a banana plantation at an IDF patrol near Shabriha, killing two soldiers.

In the arms caches were 12 Kalachnikov rifles, nine RPG launchers and 45 grenades, 190 hand grenades, land mines, and 90 bricks of TNT. Most of the arms were Soviet made and new.

## Coalition defeated by absenteeism

## Levy defends efforts to resettle Hebron

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

Deputy Prime Minister David Levy said yesterday that Jewish resettlement in Hebron is an integral part of the government's settlement policy.

Replying to motions for the agenda, Levy said it does not make sense to say — as the Alignment's Ya'akov Tsuri did — that although Israel has the right to settle there, it would be unwise to exercise that right at this time.

Levy moved that the motions be struck from the agenda. But the opposition mustered 48 votes to the coalition's 46 and decided to hold a full-scale debate on the subject.

The coalition was weakened by the defection of Dror Zeigerman (Likud-Liberal) and of Mordechai Ben-Porat, who after resigning from the cabinet this week, said he was not joining the opposition but would vote on each issue "on his merits."

Pinhas Goldstein, the new Likud whip, complained publicly that a number of Likud ministers and MKs, including Speaker Menahem Savidor, were not in the building at

the time of the vote.

Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui), who presented the first of the four motions on "the establishment of a Jewish quarter in the Hebron market," said that this would be the first time since the Six-Day War that the government would be dispossessing and resettling Arabs.

The other motions were presented by Tsur, Tawfik Toubi (Democratic Front), and Avraham Hirschson (Likud-La'am) who withdrew his motion.

Tsur said that the government aims to create a continuous strip in Hebron inhabited by Jews from the Cave of the Patriarchs to the Hadassah building. The government cynically calls this "friendly co-existence," Tsur said, but it is a sure prescription for unrest and violence.

Levy replied that for those who believe that Israel will some day get out of Judea and Samaria, Jewish re-settlement in Hebron is "indeed a problem."

It is an illusion to think that a "territorial compromise" is the way to peace, he added.

## W. German general to be reinstated

BONN (AP). — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said yesterday that Defence Minister Manfred Woerner made a mistake in firing a top NATO general on grounds of homosexuality.

Kohl told a news conference that Gen. Guenter Kiessling would be reinstated into the West German army, but that he had refused to accept an offer by Woerner to resign over the scandal.

The Chancellor said Kiessling and Woerner agreed in an exchange of letters that the country's top NATO general should be fully rehabilitated and returned to active duty in the military until March 31, when he is scheduled to retire.

Woerner had been under mounting opposition pressure to step down over his December 31 dismissal of Kiessling as a "security risk," a decision he said he based on military counter-intelligence reports that the general frequented homosexual bars.

Kiessling denied the allegations and filed suit to clear his name. The 58-year-old general was No. 2 deputy to NATO Commander U.S. Gen. Bernard Rogers.

"I came to the conclusion that the honour of the general must be

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## Sources in U.S. report: Israel predicts increase in unemployment

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel has informed the U.S. that unemployment in Israel may have to increase in 1984 and 1985 from last year's 4.5 per cent to 7 per cent as a result of its austerity measures.

But Israeli officials have made clear to the Reagan administration that they will not permit unemployment to go beyond 7 per cent, considered by Jerusalem to be "the maximum socially tolerable rate under Israel's special circumstances."

This was disclosed yesterday by well-informed sources as the Reagan administration released a \$15.2 billion foreign aid budget for the 1985 fiscal year. Of that total, Israel is slated to receive \$2.25 b. —

\$1.4b. in military grants plus another \$850 m. in economic grants. For the first time, the entire U.S. aid package for Israel has been provided as an outright grant.

But, as widely expected, the \$850m. economic figure is less than the \$910 m. approved last year by Congress and the \$1.3b. requested by Israel in discussions in recent months. Israeli officials and their supporters on Capitol Hill have already indicated that they will try to increase that amount during the upcoming legislative review of the bill.

But Israel has promised the administration it will not seek any increases in the record \$1.4b. military aid grant. This was the sum agreed during Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's summit with U.S. President Reagan last week.

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## U.S. urges more austerity

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The State Department yesterday told Congress that the recent austerity measures taken by the Israeli government are a step in the right direction, but Israel must move considerably further in accepting additional painful budget cuts.

"What is needed is to encourage the Israeli government as it devises economic programmes to rid the country of the twin perils of high inflation and an increasingly difficult external account situation," Deputy Assistant Secretary Robert Pelletreau told the House subcommittee on the Middle East.

Another State Department economic specialist said Israel's basic problem was that it was living

beyond its means and consuming more than was consistent with sound economic growth.

All these State Department witnesses said the U.S. has been encouraging Israel to accept additional economic reforms to stem the inflationary spiral.

Converting Israel's monetary system to correlate with the U.S. dollar, they said, would not resolve Israel's fundamental problems, high government and private spending.

Israel's economic reform is "far from complete and will not be without its difficulties," Pelletreau said. "As firm friends of Israel, we are prepared to give the finance minister and the government our candid advice as they work towards devising meaningful programmes."

## U.S. aid to Egypt, Jordan too

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Egypt, like Israel, is to benefit from the Reagan Administration's decision to convert loans into grants. Egypt will receive \$1.175 billion in military assistance, plus another \$1b. in various forms of economic assistance, including surplus food sales.

In the aid proposal, Jordan is due to receive \$47.5 m. in military grants and another \$47.5 m. in loans. On top of that, Jordan will receive \$20m. in economic grants.

Those figures do not include the projected \$220 m. the administration will seek for the development of a Jordanian strike force. That money, U.S. officials said, will come directly from the Pentagon's budget.

In a statement, the administration said the furtherance of Middle East peace is one of its most important foreign policy objectives. "A reduction in the level of hostilities between Israel and neighbouring Arab states is a first step toward a lasting peace in the region."

"A corollary of our search for peace is the requirement that our friends and allies in the region be able to assure their security against threats from both outside and within the region, whether derived from the pressures of Soviet-supported states or of radical regional forces. Security assistance can assist in the strengthening of the interdependent political stability,

economic development and security needs that are vital for achieving these goals."

U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger justified the aid by reaffirming support for "the security and territorial integrity of Israel and other friendly nations in the Middle East region." He said Israel's military forces "are sufficient to provide for its own territorial defence," provided the U.S. continues to help with financial assistance.

## Chile refuses to expel Rauff

Post Diplomatic Reporter

Chile has turned down Israel's request to expel Nazi criminal Walter Rauff. The Chilean foreign minister told Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche that the Chilean supreme court had turned down a similar request more than 20 years ago and there is no reason to alter the decision.

Kimche yesterday submitted for the second time in two months an official request to the government of Chile to expel Rauff. Kimche was on a 24-hour visit to Santiago en route to Australia.

Israel wants Rauff deported here to put him on trial. He is not a Chilean citizen.

Rauff was personally responsible while in the SS for developing the mobile gas chambers in which at least 97,000 Jews died in World War II.

## Sidon residents injured by grenade

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Light weapons were fired and a grenade was thrown at an IDF patrol in Sidon's central square yesterday. No Israelis were hit, but eight local residents were injured by the grenade.

IDF soldiers searched the area. The news media in Beirut said the injured were a result of the IDF blowing up a booby-trapped car, but IDF sources denied this.

## Anti-smoking law spells headache for bus drivers

By MARGERY GREENFELD  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Take a busload of passengers to this police station at the Russian Compound just because one person refuses to stop smoking? You must be joking. Do you think I'm suicidal?"

Other bus drivers nodded in agreement as the speaker, a burly driver on the No.4 line in Jerusalem, continued: "I've always asked boarding passengers to put out their

cigarettes, and they have almost always agreed to do so. The new law doesn't change anything."

In fact, reports were circulating yesterday among drivers about passengers who became violent when asked to stop smoking in observance of the new law, attacking the driver — or the bus itself.

The law forbidding smoking in public places, such as buses, taxis, elevators, cinemas, hospitals and halls where discussions or speeches

are taking place went into effect yesterday. It mandates a IS5,000 fine (pegged to the consumer price index) for those caught smoking in forbidden places. If a smoker refuses to stop smoking after being asked to do so, the law empowers bus drivers to either halt the bus for up to an hour until the police come, or to drive the bus to a police station.

Only one of the dozen bus drivers interviewed yesterday at Eg-

ged's Gonen terminal said that he is prepared to either stop his bus or take the offender to the Russian Compound. For me, it's a matter of principle. I'm a heavy smoker myself, but I have never let anyone smoke on my bus. It's not right to make others suffer," said Itzik, a driver on the No. 17 line.

Itzik, whose spotlessly clean bus sported a bouquet of plastic flowers next to the driver's seat, said: "It's

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## DAVID LANDAU reports from Buenos Aires

## Argentina's army is still waiting in the wings

"IT'S EASY to talk," the general said bitterly and repeatedly. "It's easy to talk today, when you can walk safely in the streets of Buenos Aires. Now they talk against those who made it possible."

The same people who are reviled and maligned today are those who poured out their blood in the Malvinas. Then they were adulated as martyrs and heroes.

"Now they cannot answer back, no one wants to listen to them."

"Menendez is right when he says that if not for the army, Raul Alfonsín would not be in the presidential palace today." (Gen. Benjamin Menendez is a senior ex-general now accused of multiple human rights violations under the junta.)

The general, who met with *The Jerusalem Post* in a discreet alcove

of an exclusive restaurant, spoke on the firm condition that he not be identified. Military men have been flatly forbidden by the new government to give interviews or make public statements.

His purpose, he said, was to put things in context. Yes, there were apparently excesses committed. But they did not evolve out of a vacuum.

The army fought "a real war" against terrorism in the 1970s, he said. It had had to step in because the law-enforcement machinery utterly failed.

"Judges were gunned down on the streets. Others were cowed and browbeaten. Only the army was capable of restoring order. The communist press, meanwhile, was originating public opinion in a certain direction."

"The war that followed was a

military operation. I remember, as a commander, how we mounted properly planned attacks on terrorists holed up in the hills.

"The terrorists were organized in cells, like all underground forces. And so, to fight them, the military side too adopted a cellular approach. This is when the central command began to lose control. Like in the CIA or other intelligence organizations, things are done below which the higher echelons do not control. It's an international problem."

A tendentious presentation, no doubt, but useful for all that. With Argentina now purging itself in a torrent of public exorcism and judicial retribution for the brutal crimes — the murders, torture, kidnappings, mini-concentration camps, reign of fear and terror —

perpetrated by the military rulers, it is useful to remember that the military was widely welcomed when it took power in 1976, at the height of the terrorist chaos under Isabela Peron.

NOT ONLY the rich and the Right Wing welcomed them. Ordinary people, bourgeoisie and working folk, thoroughly sickened by the mayhem caused by terrorists of the Left and Right (Montoneros, AAA, ERP — the names of the different groups filled the world press at that time), looked to the army to bring back a modicum of normality to their lives.

Jacobo Timerman, who later suffered at their hands, was among those who welcomed the junta, a former journalist on his newspaper *La Opinion* recalls today.

It is useful to recall, too, that it was not Viola, Videla, Galtieri and the other junta generals who invented or introduced into Argentina such methods as kidnapping in broad daylight; torturing with electric goads; dropping prisoners from airplanes; burying bodies in remote NN (no name) graves and otherwise making people "disappear."

All these practices were vigorously — though perhaps not as extensively and systematically — employed during the years of Juan Domingo Peron's presidency (1945-55).

And they probably weren't original then, either.

This is not noted here by way of exoneration or mitigation (of course), but rather to point out how

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CHICAGO	-16	3	-23
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FRANKFURT	1	34	54
GENEVA	1	34	63
Helsinki	-4	28	3
HONG KONG	11	52	14
JOHANNESBURG	19	65	27
LONDON	11	52	14
MADRID	1	34	48
MONTREAL	-20	-4	-10
NEW YORK	27	2	38
PARIS	0	32	1
RIO DE JANEIRO	22	72	104
Sao Paulo	20	68	31
STOCKHOLM	4	30	12
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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy.

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	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	61	8-17	17
Golan	58	4-15	16
Nahariya	58	4-15	16
Safed	63	6-12	13
Haifa Port	64	13-18	19
Tiberias	65	8-18	19
Nazareth	65	8-19	19
Afula	54	4-20	20
Sharon	53	5-18	19
Tel Aviv	55	10-18	19
B-G Airport	52	7-20	20
Jericho	53	7-20	22
Gaza	46	0-18	19
Beersheba	58	5-20	21
Eilat	—	8-25	25

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Hebrew University's annual Norman Bentwich Memorial Lecture, this year marking the 100th anniversary of his birth, will take place today at 4:30 p.m. at Beit Maierdorf, Mount Scopus campus. University Chancellor Avraham Harman will chair the event. Prof. Ruth Lapidot will lecture in Hebrew on "The Peace Process: A Stocktaking."

## BIRTH

ROSENBERG. — To Keren and Ami, in Jerusalem, February 1, 1984, a boy, grandson to Vera and Meir Ronnen.

## Hussein to U.S. for tests

AMMAN (AP). — King Hussein left Amman yesterday for a series of medical tests in Cleveland, Ohio, following treatment here last month for an ulcer, official sources said. Hussein is expected to stay in the U.S. about 10 days.

## Europarlament president due to visit next week

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Pieter Dankert, president of the European Parliament, is to arrive here next week for a three-day visit as guest of Knesset Speaker Menahem Bevan. His talks will focus on economic and scientific cooperation with the European Economic Community, the Knesset spokeswoman announced.

## Tunik: Herut funded Telem while it was in coalition

Jerusalem Post Staff  
Herut during 1981-1983 made monthly payments to the Telem faction after Telem joined the coalition.  
This is the main finding of State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik, who recently probed Telem's finances. Tunik also found that some of the Herut money, destined for "the separate activities of the two MKs (Mordechai Ben-Porat and Yigal Hurvitz) did not appear in Telem's accounts despite the fact that they were paid while (the MKs) were still Telem Knesset Members, and before they were recognized as separate factions."  
While "the Herut movement made monthly payments to the Telem faction after it joined the coalition," Tunik states, the Parties Funding Law, "which forbids factions from receiving funds from an association (ta'agid), is not directed at such inter-party arrangements — such as exist between other parties."  
Tunik concluded his report by acknowledging that the law does not cover the type of Herut-Telem arrangement uncovered in the probe of Telem's accounts and by declining to comment on the propriety of such payments from the public aspect."

## GENERAL

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reinstated, and that I have done," Kohl told a news conference in Bonn. "I have determined that mistakes have been made in the handling of this affair, mistakes that the defense minister regrets."  
Kohl read to reporters the letters exchanged between Woerner and the general.  
In his letter, Woerner said he had asked President Karl Carstens, who also signed Kiessling's dismissal notice, to reinstate the general. The minister said he acted purely out of security considerations, saying they have "priority."

## HOME NEWS

## City workers, Orgad pleased with wage pact

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN and AVI TEMKIN  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

TEL AVIV. — Some 70,000 local authority workers yesterday ended a three-day strike and resumed regular work after their representatives and the Histadrut obtained a wage agreement for them that both sides called satisfactory. The agreement was signed with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad at 4 a.m. yesterday, after 10 hours of negotiations.

The Treasury said the agreement will not cause a large deviation from its wage policies. The ministry said the cost of the agreement is only slightly above what it had calculated when it signed an agreement earlier last month with other public-sector employees.

According to yesterday's accord, workers in the higher grades will get

155,000 compensation for wage erosion and a three-month, non-linked payment of 1555 for every year of seniority.

Workers in the four lowest grades will receive increases in addition to the 155,000. Those in the lowest grade will receive an additional 152,250, and those in the three grades above them will receive additional 152,000, 151,400 and 15650 respectively.

The Treasury says that under the agreement, lower grades received wage additions at the expense of higher ones; as Cohen-Orgad wanted, and this will prevent other public-sector employees from demanding new raises as a result.

Meanwhile, garbage piles along large city streets, at commercial centers and at market places may remain until the weekend, as more than three days are needed to clear them.

## Beersheba municipal workers return to work

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The 2,000 city workers here, who had earlier refused to sign the wage agreement reached by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad and other cities' employees, were back on the job yesterday by noon. They agreed to end the four-day strike first and continue talking with the municipality later.

The workers had held out for an implementation of a previous agreement to link their salaries to those

of Holon municipality workers, which they claim are 30-50 per cent higher.

Mayor Eliahu Navi yesterday met with the works committee representing the city's workers and reiterated his support for the strikers' wage demands, especially for those in the lowest wage bracket. He said that he had shown good faith by giving 840 such workers a salary raise. Navi also promised to study the salary system in Holon.

## Central bank looking into Ampal-Bank Hapoalim case

Post Economic Reporter

The Bank of Israel is currently investigating possible connections between the government's guarantee for Bank Hapoalim shares, in the framework of last October's bank shares agreement, and the transactions linked to the Ampal-Bank Hapoalim case, banks examiner Galia Maor said yesterday.

Maor was speaking to the Knesset State Control Committee, which met at the initiative of MK Dan Tichon (Likud) to discuss the possible intervention of State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik in the case.

Maor noted that she could not go into details about the case, since the law prevents her from doing this.

Nevertheless, she confirmed that the underwriting of the shares is the main issue from the point of view of the state.

After a debate on the committee's right to discuss the issue, chairman Avraham Katz-Oz (Alignment) declared that the proper channel for examining the matter is the state comptroller, and not the attorney-general. "The decision to approach Zamir was a questionable one," Katz-Oz added.

It was decided to ask Bank Hapoalim and Hevrat Ha'Ovdin heads to appear at the next committee's debate on the issue before taking any decision as to the role of the state comptroller.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

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deal, Ronald Reagan late last year. Going beyond 7 per cent unemployment, Israeli officials have informed Washington, could pose unusually serious social problems for Israel, which has always sought immigration. In addition, they warned of aggravated internal ethnic tensions stemming from the fact that the bulk of the unemployed would be Sephardim.

The Israeli government, the sources said, is also fearful that high unemployment will lead to additional emigration.

The information on projected unemployment was provided to the Americans to underline Israel's determination to take painful steps to improve its economy.

Thus, Israeli officials also highlighted to the U.S. government other measures recently taken to reduce the standard of living in Israel and to induce an economic slowdown. This in turn will generate higher unemployment — with a cap put at 7 per cent.

At a State Department briefing, senior U.S. officials told reporters

that the decision to convert all U.S. opposition to Israel into grants — as opposed to providing about half in loans as has generally been the case in the past — should go a long way towards improving Israel's standing on international commercial credit markets.

Undersecretary for economic affairs William Schneider said Israel would still be required to seek additional loans from international commercial lenders. But, he added, they could now be expected to lower their interest rates.

What has worried these bankers, he said, was Israel's huge external debt — \$22.5 b. right now and growing. Israel has by far the highest per capita debt among western countries.

Because Israel no longer needs to accept additional loans from the U.S. government and thereby go further into debt, Schneider said, these lenders might now be willing to extend credit to Israel on more favorable terms.

Schneider justified the funds for Israel, calling it a country of "major strategic importance to the U.S."

## Israel-S. Africa ties 'concern' Egypt

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt is concerned over South Africa using Israel as a "Trojan horse" to infiltrate African countries, and will fight against the "suspicious relationship" between Jerusalem and Pretoria, a cabinet minister here says.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali spoke in an interview with the state-owned weekly magazine *Al-Mussawar*, scheduled for publication today.

The interview dealt mainly with President Hosni Mubarak's current African tour of Zaire, Kenya, Tanzania and Somalia. Ghali, considered the government's top authority on African affairs, is accompanying Mubarak.

The minister said Egypt has no

worries about Israeli relations with any of the 30 African states making up the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

"But we take exception to the relations between Israel and South Africa in the economic, military and scientific fields," he said. "Egypt takes a serious view of these relations. It opposes and rejects them just like other African states do."

"Israeli relations with this alien, outcast and isolated country (South Africa) carry the threat of South African infiltration of African states through the Israeli Trojan horse," he said.

## Lack of budget is violation of the law

By a vote of 32-28, the Knesset yesterday passed the first reading of a bill legalizing the government's tardiness in proposing its budget for fiscal 1984.

Under an amendment to the Basic Law: The State Economy, initiated by Shevah Weiss (Alignment) and passed by the Knesset a few months ago, the budget must be presented not later than 60 days before the beginning of the fiscal year (April 1). This year the deadline was January 31, meaning that the government has already violated the law.

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad said there is a unique situation this year that accounts for the delay. He could have technically complied with the law by submitting a budget in broad outlines, but that would not have had much meaning, he said.



Na'amat members solicit signatures in Holon yesterday for a petition against "poverty, the shame of Israeli society." (Israel Simonsky)

## Basic food prices go up

Post Economic Reporter

A day after Deputy Prime Minister David Levy attacked sharp hikes in government-controlled prices, the Treasury announced a 14 to 16 per cent increase in the prices of basic commodities.

The prices of basic commodities as of midnight last night went up in what the Treasury said was acted in line with its "economic policy." The ministry added that it will continue this policy until April, when the rate

of subsidy on these goods will reach a level the Finance Ministry considers appropriate.

Below is a list of the new prices: Bread, standard loaf — 1516.75; standard chala — 1532.50; Oil 630cc glass bottle — 1579; Margarine, 200 grams — 1521; milk margarine, 1533; Cottage cheese, 1552; Butter 100 grams, 1537.50; White cheese (9%), 1554; Leber, 1517.50; Frozen meat, from 15510 to 15745; Frozen chicken (number 1) 15310; Eggs (number 3), 1510.30.

## ANTI-SMOKING LAW

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also a problem for drivers who smoke, especially during the morning rush hours when you don't get a break for three hours. But I've found a way to get by." He fished a large bag of hard candies from the driver's bag next to his seat.

But even he pointed out that enforcing such a law would be difficult. "Most drivers aren't ready to risk their skins for a thing like this. We're not policemen and shouldn't have to do a policeman's job. It's hard enough just driving a bus all day in heavy traffic," he said.

During the first day of the anti-smoking law, he said he had already heard of one No. 17 driver who had been attacked by an irate smoker whom he told repeatedly to put out his cigarette. And in another case, a group of teenagers boys told to stop smoking slashed the seat covers and then fled from the bus at its next stop, he said.

Egged has informed its drivers of

the new law and has run several courses instructing drivers how to enforce it. The bus cooperatives' management even fined a driver for smoking in his bus two weeks ago, an offence that used to pass by with just a reprimand, according to Itzik.

But most of the other drivers expressed great scepticism about their chances of actually forcing a passenger to put out a cigarette. And almost none were prepared to "go to extremes" to do so.

Several drivers suggested that two or three policemen ride buses all day, getting on and off at various points on several routes, both to catch smokers and to demonstrate that the law has teeth.

"Suppose every driver who has a stubborn smoker aboard decided to drive straight over to the Russian Compound and make a complaint," said one driver. "You can't even park a bicycle down there where would you park the buses? Think about it!"

## JUMBLATT ATTACKS

(Continued from Page One)

Lebanese Army soldiers were reported killed and the army said it had destroyed a Soviet-built opposition T-54 tank.

In an interview with *The Washington Post* conducted before Jumblatt's radio address, Jumblatt warned that withdrawing the U.S. Marines would mean the end of democracy in Lebanon and endanger western interests in the Middle East.

"The presence of the marines here is symbolic and provides moral support for the whole free world," Jumblatt said. If the marines left now, he said, "there would not be a new president to replace Amin Jumblatt, but a revolutionary council under Soviet control — or chaos."

While Jumblatt called in his address for a "political, cultural and civilized friendship" with Syria as a means of guaranteeing and safeguarding Lebanon's sovereignty and stability, Jumblatt accused Syria of blocking the Saudi disengagement plan.

Syrian President Hafez Assad, the Soviet Union's closest Middle East ally, took Reagan's Lebanon policy to task in a meeting Assad held in Damascus yesterday with Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden.

"We have tried to talk to the Americans frankly and seriously in order to reach logical and acceptable solutions. But we found their concepts and demands always contradicting our national and pan-Arab interests," Assad was quoted as telling Hayden by Syria's official news agency, SANA.

Assad's statements suggest that talks earlier this week between U.S.

## Herzog gets Haifa theatre to delete offensive line

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The board of the Municipal Theatre here yesterday acceded to a formal request from President Chaim Herzog to delete from its current play *Messiah* the line that "offends part of the religious population in Israel."

The theatre spokeswoman said last night that removal of the passage is subject to agreement by playwright Martin Sherman. Although he had previously refused to make any changes, theatre manager Noam Semel and artistic director Omry Nitzan are to phone Sherman today in London, and they said they expect to receive his approval.

Although the controversial line: "Cursed be you Almighty," which comes at the end of the play in a cry of desperation, was still included in the text last night, the spokeswoman expected that it would be left out with the author's permission in

tonight's performance.

Herzog appealed to the theatre management yesterday following his speech the night before at a memorial meeting for Peace Now activist Emil Grunzweig in which he condemned intolerance and lack of mutual respect.

The spokeswoman added that the theatre's board yesterday decided to support the stand of Semel and Nitzan to continue the performance of *Messiah* in Haifa and throughout the country despite all the pressure to end the production, including a bomb threat on Sunday. The two directors decided to keep *Messiah* alive because of the pressures and threats, reversing an earlier decision to put the play to rest when it completes its subscription run in Haifa next week, after poor reviews.

Other lines such as "God, you do not exist," will remain in the text "because only the sentence during the deity aroused the controversy," the spokeswoman said.

## Histadrut hits move to cut reservist pay

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut yesterday criticized plans to cut National Insurance Institute payments to reservists by changing the way of calculating cost-of-living increases on the amount due them. The institute's move would reportedly save 15700 million.

Alisa Shefi, the senior Histadrut representative in the NII, said she believes the cuts were designed to make up for mistakes made several

months ago when mandatory contributions to the NII were cut by 0.3 per cent. Shefi said that when that decision was made, the Treasury promised to provide the missing sums — if the fund for paying reservists ran short of money.

The government has no right to cut payments to salaried workers whose wages (while they are in the reserves) are paid by National Insurance, she said. "It's not the Treasury's money but (that of) the workers and their employers," she added.

## Shamir calls for more American aliya

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir last night called on immigrants from North America to do all in their power to attract more immigration from the U.S. and Canada.

Speaking to the annual meeting of the Jerusalem region of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, Shamir said: "We need more immigrants of your

calibre. Speaking of the present economic difficulties, he described them as a "passing phase," adding that one reason he opposes an early election is that "we need time for consolidation and for concerted efforts by all elements of the population to cope with the situation." Elections, he said, "would have a disruptive effect, while we are striving for harmony."

## Ben-Porat not keen on early elections

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former minister without portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat, who this week resigned from the government, announced yesterday that he will not support early elections, at least for the coming two months, as he favours the formation of national unity government.

Ben-Porat was one of the opposites of the chief hopes in attempting to reschedule elections, and his announcement last night on Television's *Moked* programme is seen as a setback for those efforts.

He explained that he resigned from the cabinet because the prime minister constantly had to compromise with the coalition components, making the adoption of controversial decisions difficult.

He praised Shamir's analytical approach, but said he could not extend the compliment to other ministers.

"Shamir sometimes justifiably refrained from bringing sensitive issues before the cabinet, lest they be leaked," he said.

Ben-Porat said he still senses traces of the Shamir-David Levy contest for the Herut leadership in cabinet sessions.

He described former prime minister Menachem Begin as a man who "deeply felt all problems and

took them to heart." After the Sabra-Shatilla massacres, he said, Begin was "so agonized that he asked for certain pills."

Earlier Ben-Porat told Israeli radio that for him to "ever get close again to the Labour party, it must cleanse itself in the ritual bath several times. It must give up its notion of territorial compromise in the West Bank and Gaza, and it must cease its attacks on the religious parties."

## Judge disqualifies self in case of TA singer

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Singer Shmuel (Shmuelik) Kraus was remanded yesterday by the local magistrate's court for two days after Judge Amikam Fialkoff agreed to disqualify himself and passed the case to another judge. This was on the grounds that he was "prejudiced," having described Kraus as a "violent character."

Police had asked for a 15-day remand for Kraus, who is accused of attacking a taxi driver and damaging a cab after he thought it ran over his cat. Kraus has been arrested for violent crimes five times in the past two weeks. The court has suggested that he be sent for psychiatric observation.

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## HOME NEWS

## Nissim rethinking 'sub judice' rule

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim said yesterday that his ministry is considering the advisability of amending the law so that the rule of *sub judice* will apply from the time a suspect is ordered detained by a judge. At present, certain details about the suspect may be published only after a charge sheet has been submitted.

Nissim was replying to parliamentary question by Abba Eban (Alignment), which referred to the recent press conference called by Interior Minister Yosef Burg to announce the arrest of Yona Avrushimi on suspicion of having murdered Peace Now campaigner Emil Grunzweig.

Nissim said that the information revealed at the press conference did not constitute a violation of the present

*sub judice* rule. But he expressed deep regret that details about Avrushimi's criminal record had been published. In a supplementary question, Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui) asked whether the minister would undertake to put an end to the practice of certain police officers of leaking information about suspects to the press before a charge sheet is submitted.

Nissim replied that while that practice is deplorable, it is not against the law. Advancing the application of the *sub judice* rule would go a long way towards solving the problem.

He also expressed his support for the bill of Geula Cohen (Tehiya), now before the Law Committee, to prohibit publication of the name of a suspect before he is remanded. Protecting an individual's good name comes before the public's right to know, Nissim said.

## Sarid clarifies statement on attack on mayors

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MK Yossi Sarid yesterday slightly modified remarks he reportedly made earlier this week concerning "knowledge" by the security services of the identity of the person or persons who attacked and wounded Arab West Bank mayors more than three years ago and the services' delay in apprehending them.

"I repeat," Sarid said yesterday, "that the security services have a clear conception of where the footprints of the attackers lead. But as of now, that clear conception is not strong enough to make a case in court against the suspects."

Tehiya's two MKs — Geula Cohen and Haim Port — said yesterday that they heard on Tuesday from "reliable sources" that Sarid had told two fellow Alignment MKs, Yitzhak Rabin and Amnon

Linn, that the General Security Service knew who the mayors' attackers were. What is more, if their names were made public now, "the earth would tremble."

Cohen has already written to Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir demanding that he get the suspects' names from Sarid and apprehend them. "If Sarid tells people that the security services know the attackers' identity and are lax in arresting them, then Sarid apparently also knows who those attackers are. Therefore, he must give their names to the police, so that justice will be done."

Sarid told *The Post* yesterday: "To set matters straight, I wish to make it perfectly clear that I have never accused the security services of Interior Minister (Yosef) Burg of failing to act against the mayors' attackers, though they (the security

services and Burg) know who they are."

"All I said was that the security services must be permitted to move in this case from the stage of data-possession, in which they now find themselves, to the next stage — where they could process this information so that sufficient proof could be built up against the suspects."

Sarid explained that the present "state of knowledge" of the security services about the attack and the attackers is not sufficient. They must reach a "state of provable arguments" for trial.

Unfortunately, the security services operating in the West Bank do not have a sufficient intelligence network which could help prevent such attacks or enable police to nab the attackers afterwards, Sarid added.

## IN THE KNESSET/Post Knesset Staff

## Fear of publicity blamed in school violence

Principals' fear of bringing unfavourable publicity to their institutions and overcrowding are the main reasons for the increasing violence plaguing Israeli schools, Knesset Education Committee chairman Ora Namir said yesterday.

Namir, whose committee yesterday heard a dismal report on conditions at Bat Yam's primary schools, added: "A sign of the times is that in Bat Yam, with its 36 schools, only six principals are in touch with the police. The rest just look the other way when trouble erupts, afraid that their school's image may be tarnished."

Micha Reisser (Likud) of Rishon LeZion, whose motion for the agenda led to yesterday's committee discussion, said that overcrowding and the lack of special classes in Bat Yam's primary schools "are a social tinderbox that is dragging the fair name of that city through the mud."

**Committee shutdown urged**  
The Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee should close up shop until Housing Minister David Levy agrees to appear before it, member Dov Zakai (Mapam) demanded yesterday. Zakai said a month has passed since Levy stalked out of the committee room when the director-general of the

Immigrant Absorption Ministry accused Levy's ministry of inability to solve new settlers' housing problems.

Committee chairman Uzi Baram (Labour) sympathized with Zakai's complaint and announced that if Levy does not reply to an invitation to appear by next Monday, Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will be asked to force him to come and report on his activities on behalf of newcomers' housing requirements.

Levy and Absorption Minister Aharon Uzan yesterday conferred in the Knesset cafeteria on the problem of housing for immigrants, but no solution to the crisis was apparently reached.

**Generator usage blocked**  
Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i told the Knesset yesterday that he would not approve the installation by the Jerusalem Electric Corporation of five diesel generators it imported.

Replying to a question by Dov Zakai (Mapam), Moda'i said such approval is required under the corporation's concession.

Political considerations had nothing to do with his decision, Moda'i said, adding that all he is concerned about is efficiency.

The corporation, which supplies electricity to East Jerusalem and parts of the West Bank, now obtains 80 per cent of its electricity from

more economically run power stations of the Israel Electric Corporation, he said, and it would be a "shameful waste" of energy if it used the diesel generators, Moda'i said.

**Request to NRP. Aguda**  
Leaders of the Petah Tikva Religious Council yesterday appealed to the religious parties in the Knesset to help them fend off a feared onslaught on the religious status quo in their city.

The leaders told a joint meeting of the National Religious Party and Agudat Yisrael factions that Mayor Dov Tavori, a member of the Alignment, is trying to repeal a municipal by-law to open the way for sabbath desecration.

**Emergency room reopens**  
The emergency room at Laniado Hospital in Haifa reopened yesterday after hospital officials met with members of the Knesset-Finance Committee. The MKs asked the hospital to resume emergency room service so that the institution's financial demands can be negotiated without pressure.

The hospital, which has a \$19.5 million deficit, had closed its emergency room on Friday afternoon, claiming that the Ministry of Health was ignoring the hospital's needs and not providing the same financial support it gives other public hospitals.

sword have always gone hand-in-hand in Argentina, he said. The priest and the commander appear together on the parade ground. Mass is celebrated at the start of any ceremony ("but non-Catholic soldiers are excused").

The church, he explained, gives spirit and support to the army and guides it in rectitude and morale.

The church's role under the junta is now a subject of the national breast-beating over the "dirty war." There are substantiated allegations that clerics, among them senior churchmen, condoned the army's "excesses" in some cases actually visiting the incarceration and torture centres. The name of Archbishop Antonio Plaza of La Plata, formerly Buenos Aires police chaplain, is particularly notorious in this connection.

**THE "SPIRIT"** of the army as it is seen from the outside is perhaps well-encapsulated in this comment by a senior diplomat here who was asked by *The Post* to explain why General Ramon Camps, an especially infamous army officer, had voluntarily returned to Argentina from Uruguay to face his accusers.

"He's a megalomaniac," the diplomat said. "Perhaps he wants to be a martyr. He thinks he's in the right. Perhaps he thinks Hitler was right. Perhaps, too, he wants to be on hand to plot against the government."

## TA court remands 'glue' murder suspect

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The Tel Aviv Magistrates' Court yesterday extended by 15 days the remand of Moshe Levy, suspected of murdering his wife and attempting later to murder his girlfriend with poison and kerosene injections.

A police representative told the court that Levy injected his wife Ilana in 1980 with aftershave, glue and chloroform because she wanted to divorce him. In 1983, said the officer, he injected his children's nanny, Susan Amuyal, 21, with kerosene, because she refused to marry him. He is also accused of raping her.

Amuyal is permanently paralyzed and still hospitalized.

Levy, according to the police, has confessed to the murder and the attempted murder, but not to the rape.



The leader of Japan's Domei labour federation, Tadanobu Usami (centre) and senior Domei official Hidenobu Kanasugi meet President Chaim Herzog yesterday. The Japanese labour leaders are visiting Israel as guests of the Histadrut. (Y. Barzilay)

## Government fails to block bill on military child allowances

Post Knesset Reporter

In addition to its defeat on the question of Jewish resettlement in Hebron, the government yesterday lost on a private member bill to extend the payment of children's allowances to families with sons and daughters doing compulsory army service.

The bill was presented by Aharon Harel (Alignment), on behalf of himself and Shoshana Arbely. He said that the financial burden of such children on their families does not decrease when they are in the army, but actually increases.

Deputy Labour and Social Affairs Minister Benzion Rubin said he would like very much to say yes to the bill, but explained that there is simply no money in the cash box.

The vote showed a majority for

sending the bill to the Labour Committee. This, of course, was only "the preliminary reading" that every private member's bill must hurdle. It has a long road ahead of it before it can become law.

The upset was made possible not only by the absence of many coalition members, which has become routine recently, but by Meir Shitrit's (Likud-Herut) joining in sponsorship of the bill.

Deputy Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidov twice declared a 15-minute recess yesterday to protest the absence of the government representative scheduled to reply to motions for the agenda.

"It's up to the minister or deputy minister to follow what's going on in the chamber and to be here on time," he said.

## Peace group seeks to foster Jewish-Arab sports activities

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Interns for Peace, an organization working for good relations between Jews and Arabs, has decided to move into the field of sport. Footballers Nimrod Dreyfuss and Rifai Turk told reporters here yesterday that they have agreed to act as honorary chairmen of the new project, encouraged by their own friendship which began on the sports field.

The "interns" are graduates, educators and social workers, mostly from the U.S., who have been active up to now in Galilee and the Triangle. The movement was founded by Rabbi Bruce Cohen, formerly from the U.S., following the Land Day riots of 1976.

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## New school behaviour code being prepared

TEL AVIV. — Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer yesterday urged his aides to speed up the formulation of a new disciplinary code to deal with violence in the schools.

Details of the new regulations are to be published soon. Within their framework, schools will be encouraged to make their own disciplinary rules.

During a discussion in Hammer's office, ministry director-general

Eliezer Shmueli said the law which prevents the police and courts from dealing with violent children under age 13 has proved unworkable, and a campaign should be initiated to get it repealed.

Experts from the Szold Institute for Research on Human Behaviour said experiments have shown that the best way to handle school violence is through preventive education.

## Israel to deport six suspected smugglers

HAIFA (Itim). — Six Turks and an Egyptian caught while allegedly smuggling 1.3 tons of hashish will probably be deported from Israel, following a decision by Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir not to prosecute them.

The Haifa District Court yesterday postponed the trial of the men, captured by the navy last November while allegedly transporting the drugs from Lebanon to Egypt, pending their deportation.

Zamir decided that trying the men "is not in the public's interest."

## Soldier gets 3½ years for selling Galil rifle

SAFAD (Itim). — The Northern Command Military Court yesterday sentenced a soldier who stole and sold a Galil rifle to 3½ years in jail and a further 2½ years suspended sentence.

Tural Haim Albaz, 20, was found guilty of stealing a Galil rifle and selling it to a known Acre criminal for \$140. The judge said he was making an example of Albaz because of the increasing number of weapons thefts from the Israel Defence Forces in recent years.

## Safad welcomes new Ethiopian immigrants

SAFAD (Itim). — Hundreds of local residents yesterday rallied here in support of the absorption of Ethiopian Jewish immigrants in the town. The "noisy minority" who have opposed the Falashas' settlement in Safad were roundly condemned.

## Eli Wallach and Anne Jackson arrive

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — American film stars Eli Wallach and his wife Anne Jackson arrived here yesterday afternoon to star in a documentary about the Tel Aviv Development Foundation. They will stay in Israel one week.

Jackson recently played Lou Kedar, Golda Meir's secretary, in the television series *A Woman Called Golda*.

## Lack of jobs is acute in development towns

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — More than 10 per cent of development town residents are jobless, and many of them are moving elsewhere, Uzi Bloch, the senior Histadrut representative in the committee on employment, said here yesterday.

He told reporters that the signs of trouble first appeared in 1982, but the situation worsened last October when companies faced liquidity problems. Some have already fired staff, and others have announced their intention to do so, he said.

Bloch complained that the government has not taken firm enough steps to combat these developments.

He said that an investment of \$30,000 to \$400,000 in Mizpe Ramon plants could save them, and that the plants deserve this aid because in the long run, they could be economically sound.

"This is the sum which approximately goes to one Agudat Yisrael yeshiva," committee member Gi-

deon Ben-Visrael said. Ben-Visrael added that the Jewish population throughout Judea and Samaria totals 23,000, but the sums invested in development there are 7.2 times that put into all the development towns put together.

Unless the government offers investors in development towns the same benefits as it gives those in the West Bank, the development towns will be unable to attract entrepreneurs, he said.

Meanwhile, Haim Zehavi, secretary of the Yeroham labour council, said that many young mothers in his town would like to work, but the only jobs available are in neighbouring Dimona. These jobs, he said, require night shifts and pay so poorly that they barely cover the cost of transportation and child-care.

He said that starting wages in those plants are IS16,000 to IS18,000 a month. In Yeroham, 25 per cent of the labour force is unemployed, according to Histadrut figures.

## Tel Aviv cinema to halt screening on Friday nights

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Pe'er Cinema, which began screening movies on Friday nights three weeks ago, will be closed tomorrow night, apparently as a result of threats from religious circles.

Head of the religious front in the municipal coalition, Haim Basok, said yesterday that the Pe'er will be shut on Friday nights due to its pressure on Mayor Shlomo Lahat. He said Lahat promised him last Friday that the Pe'er will be closed this Friday.

A city spokesman said that no step has been taken by the city to stop the Pe'er's activity on Friday nights, but noted that none of the 20-odd cinemas in the city has a licence to show films on the Sabbath.

Two weeks ago, Pe'er owner Ron Goldman received threats by religious circles, saying they would damage the cinema if he continued operating on Friday evenings.

A week ago, at the negotiations over the coalition agreement between the Religious Front and representatives of the Likud and Labour parties, the religious representatives demanded the closure of the Pe'er on Sabbath evenings, saying such screenings were a violation.

Goldman said yesterday that he had received no word from the municipality concerning his Friday night screenings, but added that his neighbourhood rabbi and other religious leaders had told him that "it is not nice" to operate a cinema on Friday nights.

## Haifa youth murder suspect remanded

ACRE (Itim). — The Rakah newspaper *Al-Ithad* yesterday violated a court order and published the name of the student detained in the murder of 15-year-old Danny Katz, whose body was discovered in a Galilee forest last December.

The Haifa Magistrates' Court, which remanded the suspect for eight days, forbade publication of his name. The paper said that the police broke into his rented flat in Haifa, where he is a student at the university, and ransacked his room, conducting a search.

The Haifa University Arab Students' Committee has protested against the arrest and the conduct of the police. In a telegram to the president of the university, the committee says that it is inconceivable that the suspect had anything to do with the murder.

It also noted that Arab students are forced to rent flats outside the university because they are not given student dormitories, and said the university authorities are therefore responsible for their safety.

## Teachers give warning against cutting hours

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Secondary School Teachers Association will take work action if necessary against the Education Ministry's plan to allow principals to decide what to cut in each school's "basket" of teaching hours, association chairman Shoshana Bayer said yesterday.

Bayer was responding to reports of a meeting that took place on Tuesday between Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer and eight unidentified principals.

She said decisions about what should be cut must be made by the

ministry in consultation with the teachers' unions, and should not be left to each principal. "Anonymous decisions" made by principals could affect individual teachers, for example, if a principal cuts a particular subject to get rid of a teacher he does not like.

Bayer was also angered by statements attributed to principals at the meeting who allegedly said they are sure teachers would be willing to turn one of their non-teaching hours into a teaching hour for one year as an emergency measure. Nobody knows who these principals are, Bayer said, and nobody authorized them to make such commitments.

## American citizen held for bonds fraud

TEL AVIV (Itim). — An American citizen, resident in Jerusalem, was remanded for 15 days by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on suspicion of being involved in a swindle involving thousands of dollars worth of Israel Bonds.

Police told the court that Louis Weil (also called Wallfish) advertised his services in the U.S. as an authority, authorized to cash bonds before their time was up. Holders of Israel Bonds were invited, according to the police, to contact a Jerusalem post office box number held by Weil, who then used his status as a tourist to cash the bonds.

According to Treasury records,

American citizens holding bonds who are tourists in Israel, are permitted to cash them early, to cover the expenses of their stay up to a limit of \$2,500 per month.

Police said that Weil and his family cashed bonds on behalf of individuals and organizations several times a month. He is suspected of fraud, posing as an authority, posing as a public servant, dealing in foreign currency without a permit and transferring money out of the country without a permit.

In asking for Weil to be detained, the police maintained that his actions had harmed Israel's name and caused damage to the economy.

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## THE FRIENDS OF PEACE NOW

It's been a year since the tragic death of Emil Grunzweig, who was murdered while demonstrating for governmental responsibility and democracy. During the past week, people throughout Israel, led by Peace Now, have remembered Emil and rededicated themselves to those principles of peace and democracy for which he stood. As committed Jews and Zionists, we applaud those in Israel who rally to this cause. We support them as they call for a freeze on settlement in the West Bank, and for a unilateral, phased withdrawal from Lebanon. May Emil's memory stir the House of Israel to deepen its commitment to the principles of pluralism, democracy and peace.

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## Exploratory digging to yield geophysical data \$4m. for Med-Dead Canal tunnel

By CHARLES HOFFMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some \$24 million is being spent on planning the Mediterranean-Dead Sea hydroelectric project during 1983/85. The project is one of the few items in the Energy Ministry development budget for the coming year to emerge untouched from the current round of cuts.

The Med-Dead Company has just begun work on its most ambitious and costly test to date — a \$4m. exploratory tunnel into a mountain-side near Ein Bokek at the Dead Sea. The tunnel — to be 1.4 kilometres long and 3.5 metres in diameter — will be drilled through to the underground site of the 800 megawatt power plant planned for the project.

Med-Dead Company director Uri Wurzbarger said that when the tunnel is completed six to ten months

from now, instruments will be placed in it to gather data over a two-year period on the geophysical characteristics of the site. The Dead Sea area is known as a centre of seismic activity.

The \$1.5 billion project plans to generate electricity by taking water from the Mediterranean Sea across the Negev in a canal and tunnel system, and then pouring it down a 400 metre drop into the Dead Sea.

Wurzbarger also said that experiments would resume soon at the test facility on the northern shore of the Dead Sea, where scientists will examine the effects of mixing the waters of the two seas.

He said that discussions with potential investors were being held, but would not provide any details. Last spring Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i gave in to Treasury pressure and announced that only private

and not government funds would be sought for the project.

Israel Bonds raised \$100m. in "seed money" for the project, and during a conference last January announced the names of several dozen Canal Founders in concrete at the site of the exploratory tunnel. The Bonds stopped raising money for the project last spring under orders from the Treasury, which is convinced the project is not economically viable.

This year's January conference did not include a visit to the site of the esconcent, so that the Canal Founders were not able to view the work on the tunnel now in progress.

A Canal Founder is someone who bought \$100,000 in bonds earmarked for the planning stage of the project, which will continue past the original deadline of 1985.



Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i (right) points out the proposed site of an underground power station near Mt. Yair at the Dead Sea to Sam Rothberg, international chairman of Israel Bonds.

(David Harris — Israel Bonds)

## 'Wall Street Journal' boosts Israeli stocks

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN  
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Wall Street Journal in its popular "Heard on the Street" column, recently gave a major boost to Israeli high-technology shares. The financial daily writes that "with inflation at 200 per cent a year and a constant threat of war, Israel might be one of the last places an investor would look for stocks to buy. But then again, some U.S. analysts who are recommending the shares of five high-tech multinational Israeli companies may be doing so precisely because of these problems, rather than despite them."

The five companies coming in for special mention are Elscint, Elbit Computers, Electronics Corporation of Israel, Scitex and Elron.

"All have entrepreneurial roots and have benefited from cross-fertilization with U.S. technology, Israeli government subsidies and the advanced military and communications research under way in Israel. Moreover, they sell most of their products abroad and denominate their earnings in dollars."

Another positive aspect is a change in the policy of the Israeli government. Formerly it discouraged these companies from expanding abroad due to a fear of draining the economy of capital.

The Journal points to Elscint's recent acquisition of the American Xonics sales and service operation, and to Scitex obtaining a 15-year lease on an assembly plant in Bedford, Mass.

Equity Research Associates, an investment advisory service, points out that in these shares "Americans are getting a crack at some of the fastest-growing technology companies in the most lucrative fields. Some of these companies have gross profit margins of up to 85 per cent."

Scitex is cited as having an earnings growth potential of 50 per cent a year for the next three years. Electronics Corp. of Israel is recommended on the basis of its technology, which in effect doubles the capacity of telephone lines. Elron, which has a major stake in both Elscint and Elbit, according to the advisory service, is undervalued.

L.F. Rothschild, a brokerage firm that specializes in the financing of high-technology firms, is "bullish" on Elscint because of its 40 per cent annual earnings growth achieved in recent years.

Nissim Aboudi, of Question Research, says there is increasing institutional interest in these companies, and if their earnings performance continues unabated, these stocks could command price/earnings multiples of about 20, up from around 12 at present. Aboudi envisions price gains of 60-70 per cent in the Israeli high-technology issues.

### Haifa computer show

HAIFA. — A computer exhibition initiated by Haifa University's Company for Applied Scientific Research opened at the Dan Carmel Hotel this week. Leading companies in micro and mini computers and software are taking part in the show which will last for three days and will be accompanied by lectures and demonstrations.

## Paris-Moscow trade pact

PARIS (Reuters). — The signing of a new economic cooperation agreement between the Soviet Union and France has been postponed from yesterday because of last-minute technical delays, French officials said yesterday.

They said experts from the two governments were still working on the text of the accord, which was announced Tuesday during the visit here of Soviet First Deputy Prime Minister Ivan Arkhipov.

West Germany, France's leading rival for Soviet contracts in many spheres, already has such a long-term cooperation agreement with the Kremlin.

Under European Community rules individual governments are not allowed to sign bilateral trade agreements with other countries, but economic cooperation agreements are permitted.

Details of the agreement have yet to be released.

Officials said contracts worth

around 10 billion francs (\$1.2b.) were waiting to be signed and there were good chances of achieving a balance in Franco-Soviet trade this year.

This would balance out expected purchases of Soviet natural gas by France over the next few years, officials said. The Soviet Union planned to step up purchases of steel products including large-diameter pipes, and buy more sugar in France, they added.

French firms are expected to sign contracts shortly for a gas treatment plant at Tengiz in Kazakhstan and for a colour television factory.

The Soviet Union is also expected to buy locomotives, refrigerated rail wagons for transporting chemicals and equipment for the food-processing industry.

Agreement on the trade pact was reached despite strong political differences between Paris and Moscow over Poland, Afghanistan and European nuclear missiles.

## Egged improves on its Mercedes buses

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Egged engineers and technicians say they made about 60 improvements in the Mercedes buses the cooperative bought from Germany in recent years. This emerged from a new video movie produced by Egged on the cooperative.

The improvements include safety measures and a more comfortable chair for the driver. The chair was redesigned to cause minimum back pain for the drivers. Back pain is one of the ailments suffered by a large number of drivers.

All these improvements were sent to the Daimler-Benz Company that manufactures the buses. The Germans accepted a number of these improvements and now incorporate them in their bus line.

The video movie of Egged was produced for internal consumption, to show members the "good side" of their cooperative. But in some respects the film looked like science-fiction. The buses all appeared spic and span. The windows glistened and were clean — something the daily passenger rarely sees.

## W. German shares score another record

FRANKFURT (Reuters). — West German shares soared to yet another record high yesterday as investors switched their attention from Wall Street.

The Commerzbank index of 60 leading German shares rose 14 points, to a record 1,093.6, its seventh high in nine trading days. It outstripped its previous peak of 1,079.6 on Monday.

The mark also gained ground yesterday, pushing the dollar below 2.80 marks for the first time since mid-January.

Currency dealers reported strong demand for the West German currency as investors switched out of U.S. shares and into German stocks in a very lively session.

Stock dealers said the Frankfurt rally is based on a growing faith in the strength of the West German recovery, following forecasts of two to three per cent real economic growth in 1984, and a string of good corporate results.

Wall Street, meanwhile, has recorded only two overall gains in the last 12 lacklustre and nervous sessions. It is suffering from the threat of large U.S. deficits and fears about the economy's long-term prospects.

## Epidemiology conference scheduled for Beersheba

BEERSHEBA. — More than 100 epidemiologists are expected here on February for the second annual conference of the Israel Society for Epidemiology (ISE).

The one-day conference will be devoted to cancer, to cardiovascular and to infectious diseases, and to evaluations of Israel's health services, said Dr. Elaine Ron, the conference organizer.

## Industrial exports seen rising despite production slowdown

By AVI TEMKIN  
Post Economic Reporter

Despite an expected drop in the increase of industrial production, exports are scheduled to rise by 10 to 15 per cent this year.

According to forecasts by the Industry and Trade Ministry, manpower in industry will not increase this year. But the ministry expects a large degree of change in the structure of employment, with more workers employed in the high-technology sectors.

Speaking at a press conference this week ministry director-general Yehoshua Forer said that last year industrial output rose by some 4 per cent. This was the case despite a 6 per cent decrease in the dollar value of industrial exports.

Most of the increase in output was caused by booming conditions in the local market. But the low

profitability of exports, the world economic recession and a 5 per cent drop in military exports caused a drop in sales abroad, he said.

Forer added that during recent months there has been a steady rise in profits.

The main problem facing industry in the coming years will be a lack of skilled manpower in high-technology fields.

To solve this problem manufacturers in this sector together with the ministry have created a special fund of some \$500,000, which will be used to help universities hire young lecturers in the fields of electronics and computers.

Forer indicated that the rate of investment in industry continued to be high last year, and that in real terms it increased by some 12 per cent. These investments are expected to show first results in two to three years.

## Hotel prices quoted in local currencies to woo Europeans

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Hotel Association is advertising its prices for the next tourist season (March-November) in local currencies in Europe, association director Moshe Amir and deputy-director Sara Yisraeli said yesterday.

Yisraeli said the fact that the hotels quoted their prices in dollars until now discouraged many Europeans, whose currency was weak compared to the dollar. Tourist agents said they found it impossible to sell package tours in Europe.

Quoting prices in European currencies for the entire season is expected to woo the Europeans back.

Amir explained that the hotels decided on this step although they stand to lose money due to the ex-

pected drop in European currencies against the dollar from now to November.

A delegation consisting of ministry officials and representatives of the hoteliers, El Al and other tourism circles is due to go to Germany, Britain and France this month to explain the new price policy to European travel agents.

The Israel Tour Operators Association criticized the Hotel Association earlier this week for fixing their rates at the January 16th exchange rates instead of to last November's rates, as the tour operators had done. The tour operators said that the hotel prices, which were in dollars until January 16, have risen in European currencies and make it difficult to sell package tours to Israel in Europe.

## Preparing for the Skol meet in J'lem

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The president of the Skol organization in Israel, Ze'ev Kis, yesterday appealed to Tourism Minister Avraham Shafir to come to the International Skol convention this November in Paris. He said this would support the effort to bring more of the organization's members to the convention in Jerusalem the following year.

On the occasion of the Israel organization's national meeting, which begins tomorrow at the Mandarin Hotel in Tel Aviv, Kis told The Post that every additional Skol member who came to the Jerusalem convention would mean hundreds of more tourists for Israel.

He noted that the year after a Skol convention in Athens 12 years ago tourism to Greece went up by 37 per cent. Skol is a fraternal organization of the tourism trade which includes hoteliers, agents and airlines. He pointed out that it is the only venue in which all these factors meet on friendly terms.

Kis noted that it will not be easy to bring a large attendance to Jerusalem, primarily because the coming Paris meeting marks that city's 50th anniversary and a very large turnout is expected. On the other hand, he said, Skol members were being offered a very attractive price for the Jerusalem meeting, \$700 per couple for a five-day stay.

## Trans America joins N.Y.-Tel Aviv run

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
TEL AVIV. — Trans America has won a Transport Ministry permit to ply the Tel Aviv-New York route and is expected to start services in April, a well placed source told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Minister Haim Corfu has already signed the papers and an official announcement is expected shortly.

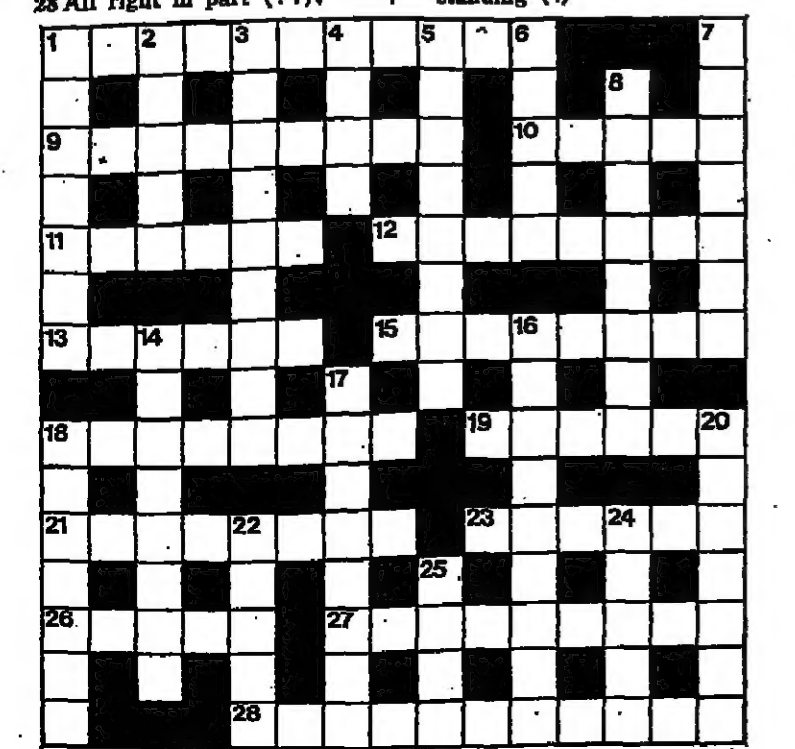
Trans America will be the third American airline to operate a direct service between the two countries. The increased competition among TWA, Tower Air (formerly Metro International) and El Al is likely to lead to a reduction in fares. A spokesman for Maof, which will represent Trans America once it starts flying here, said he hoped rates would be a bit cheaper than those of El Al and TWA.

Trans America had requested a licence to start flying here on January 15, but the permit has only now been issued. The line therefore intends to begin a twice-a-week service in April and increase frequencies to three weekly in July, the spokesman said. It will use a Boeing 747 Combi plane, in which the size of the cargo and passenger sections can be changed according to demand.



## ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

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| <b>ACROSS</b>   | <b>DOWN</b>  |
| 1 & 51 would suggest Adam, oddly enough (5, 6, 8)         | 1 Whimsical person a theologian takes in hand (7)                      |
| 9 Command of words stenographers cope with (9)            | 2 Injuries arising from hay-making (5)                                 |
| 10 Unit of Royal Marines (5)                              | 3 Salesman, perhaps, going places (9)                                  |
| 11 Having grown out of, falls into disuse (6)             | 4 Leave by the door (4)  |
| 12 Reveille? (4, 4)                                       | 5 See 1 across   |
| 13 Somehow lets us struggle (6)                           | 6 Dapper as a prohibitionist in New York (5)                           |
| 15 Privation suffered in the early days of sail? (8)      | 7 Simply grand style of dress for exercise (5-4)                       |
| 18 Plant that gets Virginia in real trouble (8)           | 8 Made another mess of something she heard about (8)                   |
| 19 Current conductors circulating in a mountain range (6) | 14 Material that sounds suitable for a dunce's hat (8)                 |
| 21 Gibraltar tea-time offering? (4, 4)                    | 16 Not where plate-layers are trained for service (6, 3)               |
| 23 He shoots a bird right in the tail (6)                 | 17 Flower giving incentive to a bit of fun (8)                         |
| 26 This man has stomach (5)                               | 18 Sensational turn of English with little right in a Spanish port (7) |
| 27 It makes a downfall look graceful (9)                  | 20 Too many lampreys for Henry 17 (7)                                  |
| 28 All right in part (4-7)                                | 21 Ship's complement including a Cavalier poet (5)                     |
|   | 24 Fruit crop (5)  |
|   | 25 Stinging riposte shows understanding (4)                            |



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		<b>24 Factory equipment</b>
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		<b>27 Drawing-room</b>
		<b>28 Strips</b>
		<b>29 Reside</b>
		<b>DOWN</b>
		<b>1 Change into stone</b>
		<b>2 Isles</b>
		<b>3 Rice dish</b>
		<b>4 Glittering thread</b>
		<b>5 West African river</b>
		<b>6 Envisage</b>
		<b>7 Lowest point</b>
		<b>12 Highest male voice</b>
		<b>14 Sheep</b>
		<b>16 Skulking</b>
		<b>18 Praised (anag.)</b>
		<b>19 Unaffected</b>
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## Prosperous market comes to end

TEL AVIV. — The splendid market conditions which prevailed over the first three sessions of this week came to an abrupt end yesterday. There is little doubt that the reversal was caused by profit-taking. As a result, the General Share Index declined by 1.28 per cent.

Oil shares were particularly hard hit and fell by 6.32 per cent, on a sectoral basis. Last week these shares had appreciated sharply in the wake of reports of a successful oil strike at the Gurim site. However, investors undoubtedly had second thoughts when they learned that expectations are for an output of only 100 barrels a day. In the U.S., such small outputs are generally associated with what is termed as "surface wells." This type of oil find is the result of a search by individuals in oil-rich territories.

It was also not unexpected for profit-taking to hit the bank shares which are part of the agreement. Declines ranged as high as 5.9 per cent, as was the case with the Bank Leumi shares.

Critics of the government agreement to guarantee the bank shares had little to complain about, when Bank of Israel statistics indicated that the government did not spend any money in support of the bank shares during January. This situation arose as the Bank of Israel was a net seller over the last three days of January and did so with a profit.

Perhaps less satisfactory was the news of additional and massive monetary injections into the economy. These were in the order of IS20 billion and could have been responsible for the renewed demand for index-linked bonds. These advanced, for the second consecutive session, by up to three per

### Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

Most analysts associate a high level of monetary injection with a high rate of inflation.

The shekel was devalued by approximately 0.25 per cent against the dollar.

In the commercial bank group, not part of the "agreement," there was unexpected demand for the shares of the Maritime Bank. Both shares wound up as "buyers only" and were automatically adjusted upward by five per cent.

Overall the downward move of the market was greater than was indicated by the drop in the General Share Index. Volatility statistics reflected a 2:1 ratio of sharply falling shares compared with large winners. There were 31 "sellers only," while only 15 issues were able to wind up on the "buyers only" list. In addition 88 securities fell by 5-10 per cent, while there were 52 sharply gaining issues.

As prices receded, so did the turnover, which totalled just under IS780 million, considerably less than half of Tuesday's figures.

The mortgage bank group was generally higher and was featured by a 10 per cent rise of Binyan. The Mortgage and Development option soared by nearly 23 per cent.

Specialized financial institution issues were mixed, with prices moving by as much as five per cent in either direction.

Insurance issues were clearly af-

ected by the move to take profits. Artych was 10.1 per cent lower, while losses of more than seven per cent were recorded by Yardenia 0.1 and Securitas.

The service and trade group, which had more than its share of major winners over the recent sessions, turned mostly lower, with losses running up to 10 per cent. Lighterage 0.5 and Cold Storage 1 were both 10 per cent losers.

The computer group continued to suffer from selling pressures, with Ya'ane and Nikuv Computers 1 issues being ticked down for 10 per cent losses.

A similar pattern developed in the land development, real estate and citrus group. Isralom, Ispro and Isras were all down by 10 per cent.

Cohen Development provided a spark of joy for its followers as the shares surged ahead by 15 per cent.

Industrials were the least affected by the move to take profits. A case of "instant riches" developed when it came to trading in the Man options. Anyone who bought these options on Tuesday would have paid 101. Yesterday they were established at 156 in the aftermath of a "buyers only" situation. The options had risen by a hefty 54.5 per cent. Arad was a good feature, as it moved ahead by nearly 15 per cent.

Elron was unchanged, while Elbit was rising by less than one per cent. Arty was clipped for a 10 per cent loss.

Among the high-technology issues Spectronix also came in for a 10 per cent fall. Vitalgo 1 was under the 100 mark in the wake of a loss of 8.4 per cent. Tadir Cement responded to moderate demand and surged ahead for a 31.3 per cent gain. It thus was the biggest gainer of yesterday's session.

Investment company equities were moderately lower. Discount Investments fell by 6.4 per cent but the Israel Corporation shares traded unchanged. Piryon was on the "sellers only" list.

Losses of up to 10 per cent were recorded in the oil group.

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries reported a net profit of IS 225.1m. for the six months ended September 30, 1983. However, after adjusting the profits for inflation, these turned into a loss of IS 41.3m.

Jordan Investments announced that its 36.7 per cent owned subsidiary Original Petroleum Corp. has declared itself bankrupt. Jordan would not estimate what effect this would have on its own financial results.

**Most active stocks**  
Leumi 1365 148,233.0m. -105  
Hafslund 3970 147,361.3m. -110  
IDB 3970 79,550.9m. -120  
Shares traded: 15,737.0m.  
Convertible: 15,429.0m.  
Bonds: 15,637.2m.

**LONDON BANK RATES**  
February 1, 1984 Prev. Close  
Bank base rate 9 9  
Call money 9 9  
91-day Treasury 8 7/8 8 7/8  
3-months Interbank 9 7/8 9 7/8  
Lloyds Bank

**Bank of Israel exchange rates**  
February 1, 1984 IS  
U.S. dollar 124.07  
British sterling 174.44  
German mark 44.263  
French franc 14.467  
Dutch guilder 39.300  
Swiss franc 55.309  
Swedish krona 15.198  
Norwegian krona 15.800  
Danish krone 12.204  
Finnish mark 20.908  
Canadian dollar 99.435  
Australian dollar 114.19  
South African rand 98.121  
Belgian franc (10) 21.657  
Austrian schilling (10) 62.808  
Italian lire (100) 72.628  
Japanese yen (100) 52.944  
Irish pound 136.85  
Spanish peseta (100) 78.327  
Jordanian dinar 326.30  
Lebanese lira 21.390  
Egyptian pound 108.87

**Trade & Services**  
Meir Ezra 256 573 -29 -10.2  
Meir Ezra 172 103 -10.2  
Teta 138 58 -10.2  
Teta 81 58 -10.2  
Teta 25 58 -10.2  
Clal Trade 270 374 -16.7  
Clal Trade 315 63 -16.7  
Crystal 119 138 -16.7  
Rape 0.1 690 20 -16.7  
Rape 0.5 163 20 -16.7  
Super 2 129 20 -16.7  
Super 8 10 387 173 -16.7  
Super 10 C 178 -16.7

**Services**  
Delek 1455 189 -41 -2.7  
Harel 567 77 -41 -2.7  
Harel 213 77 -41 -2.7  
Lighterage 0.1 358 179 -41 -2.7  
Lighterage 0.5 206 180 -41 -2.7  
Cold Store 0.1 7100 -241 -1.5  
Cold Store 1 3825 -425 -1.5  
Israel Elec. 256 85 -28 -9.9  
Bond Ware 0.5 109 130 -13 -7.4  
Bond Ware 1 82 35 -9.9  
Consolidated 1 262 30 -9.9  
Consolidated 0.5 161 29 -9.9  
Kopel 1 134 37 -25 -22.9  
Kopel 1 152 88 -14 -15.9  
Kopel 1 105 20 -14 -15.9

**FOREIGN CURRENCY**  
Yesterday's foreign exchange rates against the Israeli shekel, for U.S. dollar transactions under \$3,000 and transactions of other currencies under the equivalent of \$500.

**U.S.** Selling Buying  
Sterling 175.1629 173.3458  
DM 44.4904 44.0298  
French FR 14.5356 14.3851  
Dutch G 39.4866 39.0769  
Swiss FR 55.5773 55.0020  
Swedish KR 15.7225 15.1144  
Norwegian KR 15.8002 15.7158  
Danish KR 12.2751 12.1480  
Finnish MK 21.0313 20.8125  
Canadian \$ 99.9403 98.9058  
Australian \$ 114.8006 113.6123  
Rand 75.7932 75.7707  
Belgian Con(10) 21.7920 21.5664  
Belgian Fin(10) 21.3763 21.1542  
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Yen(100) 53.1383 52.5852  
Italian Lire(1000) 73.0812 72.2049

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**INTERBANK SPOT RATES:**  
USS 1.4050/60 per \$  
DM 2.8000/10 per \$  
Swiss FR 2.2410/20 per \$  
French FR 6.5700/25 per \$  
Italian Lire 1706.30/80 per \$  
Dutch G 3.1545/60 per \$  
Yen 234.20/25 per \$  
Danish KR 10.1870/95 per \$  
Swedish KR 8.1610/60 per \$  
Norwegian KR 7.9510/60 per \$  
Finnish MK 25.22/27 per \$  
Belgian Con 57.25/27 per \$

**FORWARD RATES:**  
1 mon. 1.4054/57 1.4064/67 1.4074/77  
3 mon. 2.2707/15 2.2714/22 2.2724/32  
6 mon. 2.2707/15 2.2714/22 2.2724/32

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
<b>Commercial Banks</b>			
(not part of "arrangement")			
OHF 1	1381	50	n.e.
Maritime 0.1	353	b.o.	+1.7
Maritime 0.5	3680	69	n.e.
N. American 1	2321	104	n.e.
N. American 5	1340	90	-1
N. Am. op 1	2891	84	-120
Danot 5	77	3580	n.e.
Danot 2	198	1356	-3
First Int'l 5	235	2940	-1
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Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
<b>Commercial Banks</b>			
(part of "arrangement")			
IDB p	85301	-900	-1.1
IDB r	3003	-120	-2.9
IDB B r	4005	+20	+5
IDB p A	23760	n.e.	
IDB op 11	2845	278	+19.0
Union 0.1	3020	1010	n.e.
Discount B r	5170	16	n.e.
Discount A r	3020	321	-150
Discount op 2	4060	130	+19.0
Discount B r	630	1590	+52
Mizrahi r	1620	3736	-60
Mizrahi b	1590	380	-60
Mizrahi op 11	2860	475	-180
Mizrahi op 12	1070	1222	+140
Mizrahi op 6	14179	-500	+3
Mizrahi op 9	740	681	+8
Hapoel p	3419	b.o.	+1.63
Hapoel b	2670	5515	-110
Hapoel op 8	10518	+700	+7.1
General A	7230	113	+2.6
General op 2	60750	7	-900
General op 9	6900	13	+3.0
General op 5	5250	+1	+3.1
General op 7	335	812	+5
Leumi 0.1	1665	8903	-105
Leumi op 2	2399	342	+100
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Gen. Mortgage	1267	4	n.e.
Carmel r	1485	4	n.e.
Carmel op	7481	136	+2.8
Carmel op 1	136	230	-1
Binyan	989	23	+9.0
DevMortgage r	440	30	n.e.
DevMortgage b	465	4	n.e.
DevMortgage op	279	239	+50
Mishkan r	3600	2	n.e.
Independence	1920	1	n.e.
Tefahot p r	800	6	-20
Tefahot r	809	46	n.e.
Tefahot deb. 1	411	28	+37
Tefahot deb. 2	191	380	+6
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## Strike ends, issue remains

AFTER night-long talks, the strike in the country's local authorities was settled early yesterday morning, and workers went back to work. The agreement between the Treasury and the Histadrut provides for "erosion compensations" to municipal employees in the lowest grades, whose special plight had sparked off the strike.

The relatively quick resolution of the work dispute is plainly welcome. A few more days of that strike, and, as the mayor of Holon, Pinchas Eylon, warned, all Israel would have turned into one huge garbage dump. Now that this threat has been removed, municipal administration throughout the country, and the Interior Ministry which is in overall control of the local authorities, might usefully take a close look at one of the underlying causes of the country's urban malaise.

This has to do with the underpayment of municipal employees, particularly in the lower grades. The underpayment seems to be far worse on the local level than in the national administration. All too often it results in poor service by workers who, in many instances, must supplement their meagre incomes from second and even third jobs, to which their true allegiance is owed. Yet the "savings" on low wages are offset by the consequent need to inflate city rolls.

For the work they actually perform some municipal employees may feel to deserve higher wages; hence a vicious circle which it has hitherto been found impossible to break, notably in the smaller towns.

Israel is perhaps entitled to congratulate itself over the fact that low wages in the public employ, especially in the municipalities, have not produced the graft and corruption that are so rife in many an underdeveloped country around the world. But this is scant consolation for city dwellers who rightly demand high standards of service.

Improvement cannot be expected from the formation of separate corporations of municipal employees, on the model of the Bezek company that has just taken over the country's telecommunications. In the cities, positive change will only be effected through a reform of the wage scales of municipal employees.

It is time city fathers, who seem preoccupied with the extravagant beautification of their streets, too often with borrowed funds, turned their attention to this pressing problem.

## Presidential voice

THE UTILITY, indeed the necessity, of having, at the highest state level, a spokesman for the underlying values of the national society has rarely been more vigorously demonstrated than in the noble address delivered by President Chaim Herzog at the Hebrew University on the anniversary of the murder of Emil Grunzweig, Tuesday night.

The subject of Mr. Herzog's address was the freedom of speech as the soul of democracy. He did not set out to elaborate any new theories, but rather to reaffirm what should have been accepted by all and sundry as obvious verities. The president attacked the culture of violence, both verbal and physical, that has been emerging in the country, and he scolded leaders who failed to come out squarely and condemn such violence.

He put to shame those rabbis who had been unable to bring themselves, even after the monstrous attempted assault on the two Moslem shrines on the Temple Mount, to make it clear that, as he said "facts that are supposedly carried out in the name of heaven are utterly opposed to the values of the Torah."

For his plain and forthright speaking President Herzog deserves the nation's applause.

## POSTSCRIPTS

**THE SCENT** that Mark Antony sniffed as Cleopatra slipped a seductive arm around him is no longer one of history's tantalizing secrets.

The perfume was put on display in New York recently along with other ancient perfumes brought there by Italian archeologist Giuseppe Donato.

The scents are the fruit of 13 years' research into the techniques of ancient perfumery by Donato, director of Rome's Institute for Applied Technology for Cultural Artifacts.

He is satisfied that the four scents he has brought to New York are authentic in their ingredients and manufacture.

Scented ointments and pomades were highly prized by ancient civilizations. For an important date the young Roman certainly went further than a splash of aftershave. He would have one scent for the arm where he hoped to hold the girl, another on the shoulder where she might rest her head and a third on his torso.

Ancient scents differed in one significant way from modern perfume in that they were all oil-based. Alcohol, or spirit, perfumes came later from the Arabs.

This meant the scents of the Romans, Greeks and Egyptians were short-lived and had to be reapplied frequently. But it was part of a bathing process that could take three hours a day.

Skin cleansers were derived from wood ash and abrasive clays and the oily scent soaked and healed the skin of the bather.

Donato acknowledges a debt to the writings of Pliny, the Roman admiral, naturalist and herbalist who travelled with Rome's navies, investigating the properties of herbs and flowers he discovered.

The search of the early perfumers for exotic scents and herbal remedies covered the known map and dozens of resins, oils, leaves, bark and petals from Europe, China and Africa have gone into the perfumes recreated by the professor.

**AN UNAUTHORIZED** version of China's famous Hundred Pleasures beer definitely had something extra, and it wasn't any fun. A Chinese newspaper reported recently.

It consisted of untreated fishpond water, detergent, sodium bicarbonate, tea, artificial flavouring and brown sugar. The *Yangcheng Evening News* said, adding it made drinkers ill.

Eight racketeers faking Hundred Pleasures at Zhanjiang in southern China were fined and now await further punishment.

This and other brewing rackets led the Canton factory minting the true brew to print its name in red on bottles to protect imbibers, the newspaper said.

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# THE WINTER OF OUR DISCONTENT

By PINCHAS LANDAU

NOW COMES the winter of our discontent. It is the hardest, most painful, part of the cycle that we will have to live through — not the beginning of the end, but the end of the beginning.

Every economic indicator is deteriorating simultaneously: inflation is streaking upward, unemployment is rising, the credit squeeze is tightening. Forced or voluntary business closures are becoming an everyday occurrence. And, worst of all: there's no end in sight, a point from which a recovery might begin. The slump seems to be spiralling out of control pulling the economy into an apparently bottomless pit.

It is precisely this growing feeling of hopelessness, itself indicative of a total loss of confidence, which is feeding the recessionary forces at work in the economy, and speeding up the implosion, the collapse of the economic structure in on itself. This "psychological" factor in an otherwise socio-economic equation is the catalyst in the process of disintegration. To begin the reverse process of bringing order to a chaotic situation, it is the element of confidence that must first be restored.

This is so well-known that it has become a cliché. Everyone is running around crying out for someone or something that will "restore confidence." The flap by itself generates more unrest, and the periodic spasms of action by the otherwise paralysed government serve only to highlight its inability to tackle the hardest problems, thus deepening the atmosphere of despair and disillusion.

How do you create confidence? That is the crucial question today, not just on the economic front but in every aspect of public affairs. Clearly, the first stage is to have

confidence in yourself, because only then can you hope to instill a feeling of confidence in others. But self-confidence, in the context of a government, can only come from having a plan, a programme of some kind, which you believe in and are determined to implement.

GIVEN THIS basic fact, it follows immediately that the present government is incapable of restoring confidence not only because it has no economic strategy that it believes can be made to work, but also because it clearly has no confidence in its own ability to do anything. It is even losing faith in its ability to do nothing and yet survive.

Since existing facts are not welcome, the ministers have decided to change them: Sharon says he didn't O.K. the build-up before the Lebanese war, Cohen-Orad tells the Israel Bonds leadership that the economy is not in "crisis," only in "transition," and Patai claims that if there is a crisis, it's the result of a Histadrut scheme to pull down the government.

In short, the present government has nothing left to offer the nation in terms of leadership and new spirit. The last chance of the Likud was wasted when Cohen-Orad took over from Arikor against the background of the bank share collapse. Had he then immediately instituted drastic measures and presented them as part of a clearly worked-out recovery programme, we might today really be in a transitory phase. There existed, in the atmosphere of shock and confusion of last October, a real "window of opportunity" to make a clean break. Failure to take advantage of it has cost the country very dearly and has doomed the Likud.

The next government, whenever it comes and whoever forms it, will have even less time to act before its window shuts and it, too, dooms itself by inaction. Given the pace of erosion that is all around, the new government will have, instead of 100 days of grace, something in the order of 100 hours. If, within a few days of taking office, it does not move decisively and take dramatic action, it will have shown that it, too, has no self-confidence and hence cannot be expected to rekindle confidence among the public.

THE ACTUAL measures involved, extreme though they need to be, are of secondary importance to the overriding need for speed and firmness in both decision and deed.

The academic and professional communities have long known that the "treatment" needed will include such "shocking" elements as deferral of the repayment of internal debt due during 1984/85 and severe import controls as well as the more talked-about "slashes in public expenditure" (but real and specific this time) and a drop in the standard of living (coming from reduced public expenditure as well as private).

All these measures must be announced together and the new government will have to expend much time and effort explaining their rationale and highlighting the longer-term crisis underlying the short-term crisis-solving moves.

However, it is now so difficult for any government to regain some measure of credibility in the public's eyes that even were the new government to take all the right decisions its success or failure will be determined by how it presents itself and its policies. It will have to persuade us that henceforth things

# Conversation with a German journalist

By REUVEN YARON

(alleged) moderation. I demurred: as far as Israel is concerned, Saudi Arabia is a myth. Saudi Arabia has always been, and continues to be, as a matter of ideology, one of Israel's extreme enemies. There was no reason to believe that it had participated directly in terrorist activity or that Saudi diplomats had smuggled arms anywhere in their "immune" suitcases, but Riyadh has generously contributed to PLO coffers. The arms given to them would in all likelihood end up in the wrong hands, in the wrong places.

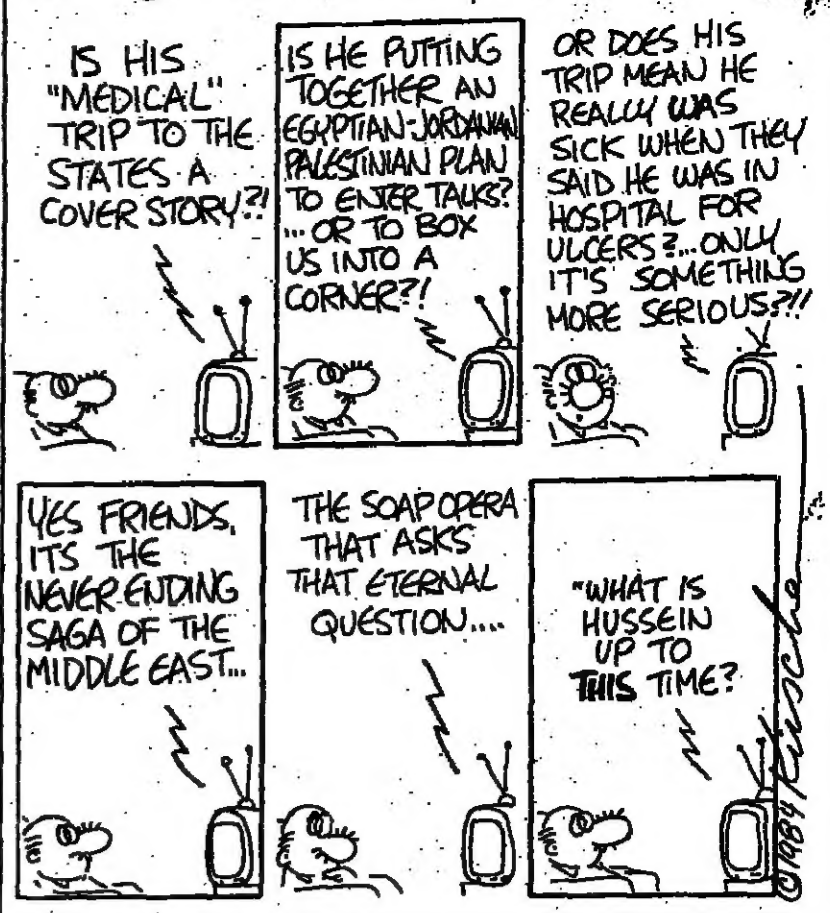
"Saudi Arabia is militarily weak," said my guest, "and needs strengthening." But would an injection of armaments improve its position? The regime would not be able to defend itself against outside attack (e.g. from Iran), nor would arms stem subversion. When the chips are down, the West might have to intervene directly to prop up the Saudi regime. "If the West could muster the determination to do so," Another point of disagreement.

ON ONE POINT at least, we could agree, namely, on the Saudis' immense economic power. Saudi Arabia invests huge sums in a variety of projects, civilian as well as military, and is a completely safe trading partner (it never borrows, and will even lend, judiciously, considerable sums).

"Does it not disturb you that the members of the EEC, as well as the U.S., do not share your basic reservations concerning the Saudis?" We would, of course, be more comfortable running with the pack. However, facts and truth are not a matter of numbers: the many can be wrong, the loner may be right. European and U.S. views are in the nature of hopes for the best — wishful thinking.

"Israelis object vociferously to the arming of Saudi Arabia; yet you maintain close military cooperation with South Africa. Have you ever considered what the neighbouring states may think about it?" Whatever one might say in criticism of South Africa, it will not be dis-

## Dry Bones



will really be different, that from now on the government will be a source of strong, dynamic leadership and no longer a bunch of squabbling incompetents.

How will we know if the promises and declarations that we will certainly hear are for real, or merely a prelude to another Cohen-Orad/Shamir style disappointment?

If we think back to what should have been done in October by Cohen-Orad or in August by Arikor and how and why it wasn't, we can see what things need to be said and done by a government to show it really has changed its attitude. Since we are talking about a "dramatic" change, it may be easiest to illustrate what is needed with an example from Shakespeare's *Henry IV*.

Prince Hal, eldest son of Henry IV, is a wayward youth, mis-

spending his time in the company of dissolute layabouts, foremost among them the fat knight, Jack Falstaff. On hearing that his old buddy Hal is now king, Falstaff rushes to London, assuming the "laws of England are at my commandment." He greets the new king in his old style but his reception is not quite as he expected:

"I know thee not, old man. Fall to thy prayers... Presume not that I am the thing I was, ... I banish thee, on pain of death, not to come near our person."

That is the scale of "dramatic" change needed on the political level.

Should we hear such sentiments being expressed — and then being acted upon — we will be able to hope that the long slide into anarchy has been halted.

The writer is an economist living in Jerusalem.

rect" for other states, need not *ipso facto* be acceptable for Germany. True, we cannot expect any automatic pro-Israeli stand in German foreign policy, through thick and thin; that is neither plausible nor possible.

But one might distinguish between positive and negative. We are entitled to say to Germany: Assist us when you can, and when you feel that you can't, then stay away from the fray altogether. You should say quite openly, to your partners and to the world at large, that in your relationship to Israel and to Jews generally, you are in a special position, heeding self-imposed restrictions. When the EEC laboured on its Venice declaration, the German delegation might have spent some hours sight-seeing. It is not my claim that the Germans made a special contribution there, but their active participation renders the document more regrettable.

The same applies to the arms' deal. We shall object to arms of this type being supplied to the Saudis, whatever the source. Beyond that, we are in principle opposed to Germany entering the Middle-Eastern arms race. It ought to understand the importance of self-restraint.

"We are a sovereign nation, and make our own decisions, in conformity with our interest" — the parting shot of my guest. No doubt. You will make your own decisions, weighing pros and cons. The relationship between the Federal Republic and Israel will, one may assume and hope, be part of your considerations, even part of your "interests."

The writer is the chairman of the Broadcasting Authority.

## READERS' LETTERS

### HEART TO HEART

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Two years ago, at the age of 49, I suffered a heart attack. Great fears and depression engulfed me.

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### LESSON FOR ALIGNMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In his article about the visiting Australian Foreign Minister, Bill Hayden (January 27), Asher Wallfish writes that the personal relations between the then leader of the Australian Labour Party Bill Hayden and his rival Bob Hawke, M.P., could have developed prior to last year's general elections into a "Rabin-Peres type of relationship" and thus shattered the Australian Labour Party's election prospects.

However, when the then Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser called for a snap election on March 5, 1983, Hayden and Hawke worked out a

compromise between divergent trends within the Australian Labour Party and achieved a landslide Labour victory.

If Bill Hayden's visit to Israel has any significance for democracy in Israel, it is to induce Israel's alignment leadership to bury their hatchet, work out a constructive compromise programme to save the country from a disastrous state of affairs and present themselves to the Israeli electorate as a virile opposition in the next election and as a trustworthy alternative government.

DR. WOLF S. MATSDORF Jerusalem.

### PENFRIENDS

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